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Examiner: Karen Lacourciere
Group Art Unit: 1635

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In re

Patent Application of

Craig E. Smith, et al.

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**“METHODS AND KITS FOR ISOLATING
BIOLOGICAL TARGET MATERIALS USING
SILICA MAGNETIC PARTICLES”**

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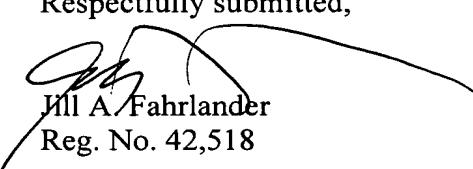
Sir:

Applicants' attorneys respectfully request a report on the status of the above-identified application. A copy of the response to Applicants' first Status Request is also enclosed.

Applicants' attorneys have not received an action on the application.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the convenience of the Office in providing a status report to Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,


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